

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Hazel Mae Olson was born May 23, 1907, at Ashton, South Dakota, the oldest of nine children; and,

Whereas, After graduation from Watertown High School, Hazel attended Yankton College as a music major and was fortunate to be offered employment with WNAX as a pianist, playing everything from concert orchestra to accompanying the Old Time Fiddlers and Lawrence Welk, with whom she became good friends; and,

Whereas, In 1930, Hazel married Joseph Adrian and to that union five children were born: Joan, Dorothy, Betty, Jim and Bill, and their lives were blessed with 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, In 1953, Joseph lost his battle with cancer, and in 1960, Hazel married the second love of her life, George German, with whom she led numerous travel groups to various destinations around the globe until George passed away in 1991; and,

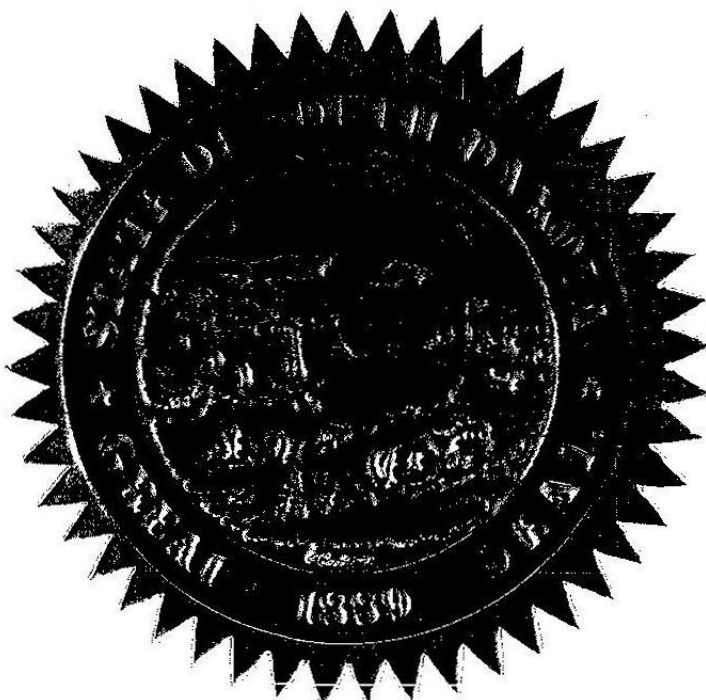
Whereas, Hazel always enjoyed playing bridge and pinochle and always keeps in touch with local and worldly current events; and,

Whereas, Hazel resides in Yankton and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather for an open house on May 23, 2007, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 23, 2007, as

HAZEL GERMAN DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State